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HOUSE RESOLUTION 347
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Penny Hooper on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Penny Hooper is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooper served the children of Rutherford County as a Special Education teacher at Central Middle School and Walter Hill School for twenty-eight years; she then became a school Psychologist and, for the past twelve years, has served as Coordinator of Special Education for the school system; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious career, she has positively influenced many young lives; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooper is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she spent the first twelve years of her life in Panama, Honduras, Germany, and England before moving to Lascassas during her junior year, where she met and later married her beloved husband, Harris Hooper; Mr. Hooper shares his wife's devotion to the welfare of Tennessee's youth and served as a Principal in the Rutherford County School System before taking a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooper truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring, she plans to pursue her favorite hobbies of reading, gardening, and sewing as well as her former hobby of obedience training and showing dogs; and

WHEREAS, she will continue to share her immense knowledge and many talents by serving as a Special Education Consultant; and

WHEREAS, Penny Hooper truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Penny Hooper for her exceptional service to the children of Rutherford County, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.